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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 30, 2001

JOINT APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

f/k/a BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

and

CASE NO. PUC000204

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

f/k/a GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

To expand local calling between
various exchanges

ORDER AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF
REMAINING SECOND PHASE EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING

Pursuant to the Commission's Order Prescribing Notice and Authorization to Implement Expanded Local Calling In Part, issued on August 28, 2000,¹ Verizon Virginia, Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") and Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") (hereafter collectively referred to as "the Joint Applicants") filed their second Joint Application to Expand Local Calling In Part on October 12, 2000 (hereinafter "second Joint Application"). This second Joint Application proposed to implement phase two of their expanded local calling plan ("ELCP"), which involved exchanges located primarily in the Norfolk, Virginia, LATA.

¹ Phased implementation of expanded local calling is in satisfaction of a condition of this Commission's approval of Joint Applicants' merger, ordered November 29, 1999, in Case No. PUC990100.

Joint Applicants identified these exchanges in Attachment A and amended Attachment B (amended October 18, 2000) to the second Joint Application. Joint Applicants proposed that all routes for expanded local calling between the affected exchanges be reciprocal.

Pursuant to the Commission's Second Order Prescribing Notice and Authorization To Implement Expanded Local Calling In Part, issued November 2, 2000, the Commission approved for implementation all routes identified in the second Joint Application except for routes in the Verizon South territory originating from the Boykins, Chuckatuck, Courtland, Crittenden, Dendron, Franklin, Holland, Ivor, Smithfield, Surry, Wakefield, and Windsor exchanges. The Commission found that customers served by Verizon South in these exchanges, which would be billed in a higher rate group upon implementation of the ELCP, should first receive notice and an opportunity to comment or request a hearing on whether to implement the expanded calling.

On December 8, 2000, Verizon South, by Counsel, filed Proof of Notice to its customers in the exchanges exempted from prior approval. In response to the notice given, nearly fifty (50) comments were filed in this case.² Thirty-six (36) of the filed

² This includes one comment for and one against from the Boykins exchange; one for and one against from the Holland exchange; seven for and three against from the Franklin exchange; one for from the Ivor exchange; thirteen for and one against from the Smithfield exchange; one for and one against from the Surry exchange; one against from the Wakefield exchange; and thirteen for

comments specifically favored implementation of the expanded local calling. One letter requested a hearing in this case. Also, the Windsor Town Council and the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors filed resolutions supporting the proposed expanded local calling in their areas.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the applicable rate increases proposed for the remaining exchanges in the second phase of the ELCP, and with due regard to all comments filed, finds that Verizon South should be authorized to implement the remaining exchanges identified above in the second phase of expanded local calling. However, the Commission recognizes that many customers will see substantial increases in their basic local exchange service rates in the regrouping process to expand their local calling scopes. Therefore, we further find that Verizon South should notify its customers in these now-authorized exchanges at the time of the ELCP implementation of applicable local exchange service options, including measured service and exchange only, which may help mitigate the impact of the higher rates resulting from these regroupings.

from the Windsor exchange. No comments filed were from the Chuckatuck, Crittenden, Dendron, and Courtland exchanges. In addition, there were three comments for expanded local calling and one against where the originating exchange could not be determined.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon South Inc. shall implement the remaining second phase of the ELCP for all routes originating from Boykins, Chuckatuck, Courtland, Crittenden, Dendron, Franklin, Holland, Ivor, Smithfield, Surry, Wakefield, and Windsor exchanges.

(2) Verizon South Inc. shall give notice to its affected customers in the exchanges identified in the preceding ordering paragraph at the time of the ELCP implementation regarding local exchange service options, including measured service and exchange only service.